

ESG Funds Awarded by the City of Cambridge in FY 2002 & 2003

Shelter Inc.

The women's day drop-in provides daytime support and services to homeless women. It is primarily a safe-haven to help this vulnerable population off the streets. Services include:

- Crisis intervention
- One-on-one counseling
- Weekly visits from Health Care for the Homeless
- Lunch, Clothing & Showers
- Referrals for mental health, substance abuse, tertiary health care, job, training, legal services, and housing search

The FY2002 ESG funded operating costs including salaries for the program coordinator and specialist, food and training.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	Women's Day Drop-In	Women's Day Drop-In	Shelter + Care	Shelter + Care
Amount	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

Shelter Inc.'s Shelter + Care program provides stabilization services to between 8 and 12 homeless people with disabilities. Furthermore it helps these individuals transition into their own homes and to successfully live on their own. The FY 2002 & '03 grants paid for part of the salary of the caseworker.

CASPAR

CASPAR provides their shelter at 240 Albany St, which is a 24-hour, warm, inviting shelter open to men and women in Cambridge who are ineligible for other shelter services because of their active substance abuse. The shelter has on-site primary health care four times a week. While CASPAR continues to provide 107 beds per night, they have had to limit the use of their day bed program to medically at-risk men and women use the shelter a day. The FY 2002 & '03 grants were for operating costs specifically food, maintenance, and utilities.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	Wet Shelter	Wet shelter
Amount	\$17,500	\$17,500

Hildebrand

The Hildebrand provides emergency shelter for 34 families, 14 of whom are sheltered in Cambridge. In the last project year, the shelter served an average of 45 homeless women and children a night. The 24-hour shelter on Bishop Allen Drive is in need of extensive, and continual renovations, and the FY 2003 ESG funds were used to make repairs to their

house –specifically their large kitchen on 41-43 Columbia St, which as it was built in the first decade of the twentieth century, requires constant improvements.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	Family Shelter	Family Shelter
Amount	\$8,500	\$8,000

Transition House

In 1975, Transition house became the first battered women’s shelter in the US, and since then it has sheltered over 5,000 women and children. Its mission is to provide refuge, supportive services, education and empowerment skills to enable battered women to achieve financial independence for themselves and their families. The FY 2002 grant was for maintenance, utilities, and groceries, and the FY 2003 grant was for other needed operating costs that help the shelter function. The grant specifically helped provide services to adolescents and the Haitian community.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	Battered Women’s Shelter	Battered Women’s Shelter
Amount	\$9,000	\$9,000

On the Rise

On the Rise provides a safe haven for women with extended histories of homelessness. Their new day drop in shelter is located on Broadway. The FY 2002 grant helped defray the costs of their utilities and telephone bill. In FY 2003, the organization declined their award of \$4,650 as they did not want to obligate themselves to the HUD HMIS requirement, which they felt would compromise their ability to provide services to their target population. Their award was added to Bread & Jams’ award.

ESG	FY 2001	FY 2002
Project	Safe Haven (ADA accessibility project)	Safe Haven
Amount	\$15,000	\$4,000

Bread & Jams

Bread & Jams is a process oriented non-profit run by formerly homeless for the homeless. Those currently homeless are key stakeholders in the organization, and participate in the decision making process. This ESG is to provide van service for the homeless individuals (70% are men) who use their drop in service. The van service transports clients to shelters for the night in Boston and other locations. During the FY 2003 grant, the van service transported on average 14 homeless people a night and served 107 individuals over the year.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	Van Service	Van Service
Amount	\$15,000	\$14,650

Catholic Charities

The ESG helps to operate St. Patrick's Shelter, which in FY 2003 provided shelter to 274 individual homeless women. The shelter is the only dry emergency shelter for women in the area outside of Boston. While the FY 2002 grant was for salaries to cover a shift so the shelter can remain open 24 hours/day, the '03 grant covered salaries to cover a 10 hour per week gap in staff coverage to enable the shelter to daytime shelter services.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	St. Patrick's Women's Shelter	St. Patrick's Women's Shelter
Amount	\$6,132	\$6,132

Phillips Brooks House

Harvard University volunteers run both St James' Summer Shelter, which is located in St. James' Episcopal Church in Porter Square, and Harvard Square Homeless Shelter in the University Lutheran Church. While St James' operates at night only through the summer months, and provides dinner and breakfast, Harvard Square Homeless Shelter operates at night the from the Fall through the Spring. The FY 2003 grant for the Homeless Shelter covered part of a security guard's salary, and for the Summer Shelter, it covered more general operating costs.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	St. James' Summer Shelter	St. James' Summer Shelter
Amount	\$2,518	\$3,000

ESG	FY 2001	FY 2003
Project	Harvard Square Homeless Shelter (renovations)	Harvard Square Homeless Shelter
Amount	\$3,000	\$3,000

Bread & Jams/Interfaith Action Accessibility Project

This was a collaboration between Bread & Jams and Interfaith Action to build a ramp making the basement of Old Cambridge Baptist Church accessible to homeless clients of a number of agencies including Bread & Jams, Solutions at Work, and Spare Change. By the end of FY 2002, while the ramp had been partially completed, it was still not completely accessible due to continued construction. It was finished by the 2nd quarter of FY 2003.

ESG	FY 2002
Project	Bread & Jams/Interfaith Action Accessibility Project
Amount	\$5,000

First Church

First Church’s shelter opened to the homeless in 1987, and since then has not undergone any major renovations until this year, when the entire 17,000 square feet of the shelter was upgraded. Importantly this work enabled the shelter to expand from 14 to 17 beds. The FY 2002 ESG grant was awarded to First Church for new bunks and lockers.

ESG	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
Project	First Church Shelter	N/A	First Church Shelter
Amount	\$7,500	-	\$8,500

Cambridge Cares About AIDS (CCAA)

Youth on Fire is CCAA’s drop-in shelter for run away, homeless youth. This program was developed as a response to an increasing number of homeless youth in Cambridge with HIV due to practicing high-risk behaviors associated with living on the streets. It is the only shelter in Cambridge catering exclusively to youth. The FY 2002 grant was to enable the program to build showers for the homeless youth. The FY 2003 grant paid for rent at the drop-in. Over 240 youth were served during the last grant cycle.

ESG	FY 2000	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	Emergency/Transitional Housing for Women	Youth on Fire (renovations)	Youth on Fire
Amount	\$6,100	\$6,000	\$10,000

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army operates a shelter open year round for up to 940 homeless from the Cambridge area. This grant for utilities enabled the shelter to be a more inviting place for clients as reading lights and importantly the heat will be left on during the day in the winter. During the grant period, over 900 homeless men benefited from staying at the shelter.

ESG	FY 2001	FY 2003
Project	Shelter for men	Shelter for men
Amount	\$7,000	\$7,000

HomeStart

This marked the first year the City has funded HomeStart’s Rental Assistance Program through the ESG grant. The FY 2003 funding enabled HomeStart to provide rental assistance to 11 homeless men and women. In fact, the grant largely helped women move into permanent housing by providing additional funds to these clients for moving, security deposits and rent.

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ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	Rental Assistance Program	Rental Assistance Program
Amount	N/A	\$5,000